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TAGS: PINT, IT

SUBJ: DISSENT DWINDLES IN LOCAL DC

1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL SENIOR MEMBERS OF GIOVANNI GIOIA'S LOCAL BRANCH OF FANFANI'S DC FACTION SUGGEST THAT THE FACTION WILL ABANDON ITS LONGSTANDING OPPOSITION TO THE "PROGRAMMATIC" AND OTHER FORMS OF AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE DC AND PCI HAVE MODIFIED THEIR FORMER RELATIONSHIP AND UNDER WHICH THE SICILIAN REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND MOST OF THE ISLAND'S PROVINCES AND TOWNS ARE NOW GOVERNED. REASONS ARE THAT LONG-TERM OPPOSITION WITHOUT ACCESS TO POWER RARELY PAYS IN THE DC. IT NEVER DOES IN SICILY. LOCAL FANFANIANI RATIONALIZE ALSO THAT DISSENT CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY EXERCISED WITHIN THE MAJORITY RATHER THAN OUTSIDE IT.

2. ALTHOUGH DEGREE AND SUCCESS OF DISSENT-FROM-WITHIN CANNOT YET BE MEASURED, FACT IS OPPOSITION WILL BE LESS VOCAL, LESS STRIDENT THAN IN PAST. TO SAME DEGREE, MSI-DN WILL CONSTITUTE ONLY FORMAL, OPEN OPPOSITION ON THE RIGHT TO PRESENT DC-PCI ARRANGEMENTS. WHILE THIS COULD LEAD TO A RECRUDESCENCE OF SICILIAN FAR-RIGHT AS IN THE EARLY 1970'S, WE DOUBT THIS WILL BE THE CASE GIVEN CURRENT

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RIGHT-WING FRAGMENTATION, THE COMMUNISTS' "BEST BEHAVIOR" IMAGE, AND NATIONAL LINKS BETWEEN THE DC AND PCI WHICH CREATE POLITICAL/IDEOLOGICAL COVER FOR SIMILAR TIES LOCALLY.

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